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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : **Attn: Mail Stop AF**  
Norio MAEDA et al. : Patent Art Unit: 3749  
Serial No. 09/936,618 : Examiner: Jiping Lu  
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DRYING : **AMENDMENT AFTER  
SUBSTRATE** : **FINAL REJECTION**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the November 1, 2007 Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the *Listing of Claims*, which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 2, 5-11 and 14-22 are pending, with claims 1, 10 and 21 being the only independent claims.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.